

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q92338

In-Yeol JEONG

Appln. No.: 10/562,576

Group Art Unit: 3679

Confirmation No.: 7869

Examiner: Aaron M DUNWOODY

Filed: December 27, 2005

For: ADAPTER FOR BRANCHING A HOSE

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement dated June 13, 2008. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects for examination **Species IX, Figures 17a-20c**. Applicants believe that **claims 20 and 46-56 are readable**.

Applicants further respectfully submit that **claim 20 is a generic claim** and if the elected species IX is free from prior art, then non-elected species also should be examined on the merits.

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**Generic Claims**

The Examiner states there is no generic claim. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants submit that

Claim 1 is generic claim for claims 2-19;

Claim 20 is generic for claims 21-32 and 46-56; and

Claim 33 is generic for claims 34-45, and respectfully request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the statement that no generic claim is in the application.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to claims encompassing non-elected species.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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